AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A method comprising:

maintaining digital records of software licenses for multiple groups, the digital records indicating rights associated with software licenses;

accessing a group administration application to set access rules for members of a group, the access rules controlling the access of digital record data of the group by members of the group; and

using the access rules to determine whether to allow a member of the group to view digital record data;

wherein when the member is allowed to view the digital record data, displaying the digital record data to the member including displaying a right associated with one of the software licenses, the displayed right indicating an IP address at which software associated with the one of the software licenses is locked;

wherein the access rules are used to determine whether to allow the member to change the IP address at which the owner of the software licenses is locked; and

in response to member input, modifying the IP address at which the one of the software in response to member input is locked.

2. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the access rules ~~can be~~ set to allow some group members to see but not to modify the software license data.

3. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the access rules ~~can be~~ set to restrict access based upon inputted field information to some group members.

4. (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein the inputted field information is a department field and the access rules are such that some group members can only access software license information associated with their department.

5. (Currently Amended):   The method of claim 1, wherein the group administration application ~~can be~~ is used to require group members to input field data.

6. (Currently Amended):   The method of claim 1, wherein selected access rules ~~can allow~~ allows a group member to access a digital record and adjust the rights associated with the software license.

7. (Currently Amended):   The method of claim 1, wherein the group administration application ~~is adapted to allow production of~~ produces reports concerning the software licenses of the group.

8. (Original):   The method of claim 1, wherein the group administration application is part of a web based application.

9. (Original):   The method of claim 8, wherein the web application uses role based security.

10. (Previously Presented):   The method of claim 1, wherein configuration information for the computers running software associated with the software licenses are stored in the digital records.

11. (Currently Amended):   A license management system comprising:

a memory adapted to store digital records of software licenses for multiple groups, the digital records indicating rights associated with a software licenses; and

a processor adapted to execute a group administration application for setting access rules for members of a group, the rules controlling the access of digital record data of the group by members of the group, wherein the access rules are used to determine whether to allow a member of the group to view digital record data;

wherein when the member is allowed to view the digital record data, displaying the digital record data to the member including displaying a right associated with one of the software

licenses, the displayed right indicating an IP address at which software associated with the one of the software licenses is locked;

wherein the access rules are used to determine whether to allow the member to change the IP address at which the owner of the software licenses is locked; and

in response to member input, modifying the IP address at which the one of the software in response to member input is locked.

12. (Currently Amended): The license management system of claim 11, wherein the access rules ~~can be~~ are set to allow some group members to see but not to modify the software license data.

13. (Currently Amended): The license management system of claim 11, wherein the access rules ~~can be~~ are set to restrict access based upon inputted field information to some group members.

14. (Original): The license management system of claim 13, wherein the inputted field information is a customer defined field and the access rules are such that some group members can only access software license information associated with the customer definition.

15. (Currently Amended): The license management system of claim 11, wherein the group administration application ~~can be~~ is used to require group members to input field data.

16. (Currently Amended): The license management system of claim 11, wherein selected access rules [[can]] are set to allow a group member to access a digital record and adjust the rights associated with the software license.

17. (Currently Amended): The license management system of claim 11, wherein the group administration application ~~is adapted to allow production of~~ produces reports concerning the software licenses of the group.

18. (Original): The license management system of claim 11, wherein the group administration application is part of a web based application.

19. (Original): The license management system of claim 18, wherein the web application uses role based security.

20. (Previously Presented): The license management system of claim 1, wherein configuration information for the computers running software associated with the software licenses are stored in the digital records.

21. (Currently Amended): A computer readable ~~media~~ storage medium comprising code to instruct a computer to do the steps of:

maintaining digital records of software licenses for multiple groups, the digital records indicating rights associated with software licenses;

in response to input to a group administration application, setting access rules for members of a group, the access rules controlling the access of digital record data of the group by members of the group; and

using the access rules to determine whether to allow a member of the group to view digital record data;

wherein when the member is allowed to view the digital record data, displaying the digital record data to the member including displaying a right associated with one of the software licenses, the displayed right indicating an IP address at which software associated with the one of the software licenses is locked;

wherein the access rules are used to determine whether to allow the member to change the IP address at which the owner of the software licenses is locked; and

in response to member input, modifying the IP address at which the one of the software in response to member input is locked.

22. (Currently Amended): The computer readable storage medium of claim 21, wherein the access rules ~~can be~~ are set to allow some group members to see but not to modify the software license data.

23. (Currently Amended):   The computer readable storage medium of claim 21, wherein the access rules ~~can be~~ are set to restrict access based upon inputted field information to some group members.

24. (Previously Presented):   The computer readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the inputted field information is a department field and the access rules are such that some group members can only access software license information associated with their department.

25. (Currently Amended):   The computer readable storage medium of claim 21, wherein the group administration application ~~can be~~ is used to require group members to input field data.

26. (Currently Amended):   The computer readable storage medium readable media of claim 21, wherein selected access rules [[can]] allow a group member to access a digital record and adjust the rights associated with the software license.

27. (Currently Amended):   The computer readable storage medium of claim 21, wherein the group administration application ~~is adapted to allow the production of~~ produces reports concerning the software licenses of the group

28.   (Previously Presented): The computer readable storage medium of claim 21, wherein the group administration application is part of a web based application.

29. (Previously Presented):   The computer readable storage medium of claim 28, wherein the web application uses role based security.

30. (Previously Presented):   The computer readable storage medium of claim 21, wherein configuration information for the computers running the software are stored in the digital records.